

Governor's Commission To Prevent Violence Against Women

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2010

Executive Tower of the State Capitol, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present

Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, represented by Jessye Johnson
Sarah Jones, Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse
Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging
JoAnn Del-Colle, City of Phoenix/ Family Advocacy Center
Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis
Teri Lambert, Arizona Sexual Assault Network
Raul Rodriguez, Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office
Diane Umphress, Amberly's Place Crisis Response Victim Center
Virginia Yrun, Arizona's Children Association, Commission Vice-Chair
Maria Elsa Varela, House of Hope Domestic Crisis Shelter

Members Absent

Vikki Shirley, First Lady of the Navajo Nation and Chair of the Commission
Jerald Monahan, Apache Junction Police Department
Donna Marino, Catholic Community Foundation
Jan Elsea, Communications Skills
Joice Jones, Luke Air Force Base
Rachel Torres-Carrillo, West McDowell Justice Courts

State Agency Representatives Present

Laura Guild, Arizona Department of Economic Security
Dan Levey, Arizona Attorney General's Office
Kay Radwanski, Arizona Supreme Court

Governor's Division for Women Staff Present

Maria-Elena Ochoa, Director
Leah Meyers, Program Administrator
John Raeder, Program Administrator

Members of the Public:

Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center

Renae Tenney, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)

Pam Wessel, Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Virginia Yrun called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. Vice Chair Yrun, who was in attendance via phone conference, asked Director Maria-Elena Ochoa to facilitate the meeting on her behalf. Director Ochoa welcomed everyone present and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Ochoa asked Commissioners to review the draft copy of the April 2010 meeting minutes. Commissioner Kasunic motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. Commissioner Del-Colle suggested a revision to reflect her attendance on the phone. Commissioner Kasunic motioned to accept the minutes with the revisions. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. There were no abstentions.

PRESENTATION

By Mona Lou Carrey,

Ms. Carrey shared an update regarding the Diane Halle Center of Family Law at the Sandra Day O'Connor Law School at Arizona State University. The goal of the Center is to work with other ASU schools to address domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and related juvenile issues. Sara Buel will be the Director of the Center. In addition, the Center is searching for a bi-lingual attorney for the legal clinic. The Center will embark on a strategic planning process, which will include input from community representatives. They have established a partnership with the Mountain Park Health Center where ASU will provide legal advice and services. The Center has established a partnership with the Az Coalition Against Domestic Violence to develop a training institute for health care providers and other direct service professionals. The Center will also have a Justice Bus that will provide services statewide. There will be a soft opening in the fall of 2010, with a grand opening in January, 2011.

DIVISION FOR WOMEN UPDATE

By Leah Meyers, Program Administrator and John Raeder, Program Administrator

Recovery STOP:

During the second quarter of 2010 the Recovery STOP Grant supported 14 projects that provided for 19.5 FTE's, educated and provided outreach to 1362 criminal justice and community professionals and provided victim services to 673 individuals. Annual site visits will be scheduled for the sub grantees to ensure compliance for the management of grant funds as mandated by state and federal law. The Division for Women is currently working to obligate the remaining Recovery STOP funds designated for law enforcement and prosecution.

SACT:

The Division for Women oversees the State Agency Coordination Team (SACT) which is comprised of 9 state agencies that administer funds related to domestic violence, sexual assault and victims of crime. In response to a DES Community Conversation, the SACT team divided

the state into 9 regions where Community Conversations would be conducted to elicit input that would help the SACT make funding and contract related decisions. The input would also be utilized for STOP grant purposes. The nine Community Conversations will begin on July 14 in Yuma. Once a completed calendar with all the dates are finalized it will be distributed to the Commission and the community.

Rural Grant:

The Division for Women received a request for clarifications for the Rural Grant application. It is felt that this is a positive indicator related to possible grant award.

STOP:

The Division for Women is in the process of disseminating STOP funds for Prosecution and Law Enforcement. In addition we are in the process of making a decision about having a new RFGA process for the 2011 STOP grant.

DIVISION FOR WOMEN SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS WORKGROUP REPORT

By JoAnn Del-Colle, Director City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center

- Commissioner Del-Colle announced that there was an initial draft of the SAFE brochure, which would be given to victims of sexual assault. Copies of the draft were disseminated to the Commissioners. The City of Glendale has also developed shoe-cards for victims. The brochure will be posted on the Division for Women website as well as the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center website. Commissioner Del-Colle also shared info regarding the progress on a dating violence brochure.
- The Arizona Sexual Assault Network is working with the work group on updating the 2001 Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Sexual Assault.

DIVISION FOR WOMEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW WORKGROUP REPORT

By John Raeder on behalf of Chief Jerald Monahan, Apache Junction Chief of Police

- Arizona has a 7th Formal Fatality Review Team: East Valley Agencies Team. (Mesa, AJ, Chandler, Tempe, Gilbert, Scottsdale)
- Team will be ready to review cases late August.
- May 10th, Dr. Websdale and Chief Monahan met with the Special Agent in Charge of ICE, Matthew Allen, and his staff. Two representatives from ICE will serve on a panel at the August conference.
- May 14th, meetings to discuss Fatality Review Team Formation were held in Cochise County (Sierra Vista) Representatives from the Fort Huachuca Military base agreed to pursue team formation in Cochise county.
- May 14th met in Santa Cruz (Nogales): Santa Cruz County Attorney rep indicated that County Attorney George Silva would move forward there with a team formation.
- May 26th, Dr. Websdale, Chief Monahan and AzCADV's Stephanie Mayer met with Navajo County Attorney Brad Carlyon, Chief of Police Woody Eldredge of Pinetop Lakeside, and White Mountain Safe House Director Kathryn Campbell to discuss a DV fatality review team

being formed in that area of the state. County Attorney Carlyon committed to creating the team there.

- June 28th, Dr. Websdale and Chief Monahan met with Yavapai County Attorney Shiela Polk, Prescott Valley Chief of Police, Jim Maxson, Cottonwood chief of Police Jody Fanning, and a commander from Prescott. All committed to creating a DV fatality review team in Yavapai county with County Attorney Polk to formalize the team.
- Later that day, Stephanie Mayer joined Dr. Websdale and Chief Monahan in a meeting with Verde Valley Sanctuary Director Jane Hausner, who also committed to supporting and being a part of the Yavapai County effort and team.

UPDATES

Domestic Violence, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AzCADV)

By Jessye Johnson on behalf of Allie Bones, Executive Director, AzCADV

Ms. Johnson provided a legislative update that the strangulation suffocation bill and the domestic violence definition bills both passed. The bill to add pets to orders of protection also passed. Next year the Coalition plans to support two bills that did not pass this session concerning a seat on the domestic relations committee for a sexual assault coalition and the modification of the injunction against harassment statute.

AzCADV is working with service providers about the implementation of SB 1070. They are providing a fact sheet as part of their technical assistance. Some shelters have stated that since the bill was signed their calls for service are down.

Victim Rights

By Dan Levey, Attorney General's Office

- Maricopa County has implemented a restitution court once a month to follow up on defendants who are not paying. In 22 months they have received approximately \$300,000 on payments that were in arrears. Pima and Graham counties are going to start a restitution court as well and Coconino County is considering implementing this.
- APAAC is conducting victims workshops which has raised more awareness and education for attorneys. There are vouchers for the NDA workshop focusing on raising awareness through training and education for attorneys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Del-Colle reminded Commissioners about the 2010 Sexual Assault Conference to be held at the Glendale Civic Center, which was made possible by funding from STOP and the Glendale Police Department. She also indicated that the Sojourner Center is working ASU's Morrison Institute to determine why utilization of shelter beds is down.

Commissioner Umphress reported that she was contacted by the Mexican Consulate in Yuma regarding the availability of services. They were inquiring as to the potential changes in services due to SB1070. In addition, they suggested working together to let victims know about their rights and resources.

Ms. Johnson reminded Commissioners about the Annual Gala on September 22, as well as the Annual Conference on September 23 and 24. She added that, on September 22, in partnership with the Arizona Foundation for Women, the AzCADV was hosting a gubernatorial debate focused on Domestic Violence.

Commissioner Varela announced that the new shelter in Douglas was targeted for completion by the end of July. The new shelter will have 24 beds and will have the capacity to provide transitional housing for 2 families. Commissioner Varela will inform Commissioners about the open house.

Commissioner Umphress announced that Amberly's place was celebrating their 9th Anniversary.

Dan Levey announced a recent court of appeals decision modifying the current language concerning victims' rights for someone in custody. The decision clarified that if the crime took place when the person was not in custody then they still have the right to turn down an interview with a defense attorney.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no statements from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Ochoa thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:01 P.M.